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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Karen M. Downs  
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Examiner: M. Wilson

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**PRELIMINARY REMARKS**

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Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified case,  
Applicants wish to make the following remarks.

In the Claims:

No claim is amended in response to the March 19,  
2003 Office Action.

27. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 28  
wherein the test compound is a protein.

28. (Previously Amended) A method of determining  
whether a test compound affects vasculogenesis of  
allantois tissue *in vitro* comprising the steps of:

a) isolating allantoic tissue,